

Central and Camelback Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2003

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
1110 W. Washington Street, Room 145
Phoenix

DRAFT MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Allene Pierce-Avey
Peter Zorbas
Frank J. Connell
Carm Moehle
Pam Perry

ADEQ Staff in attendance:

Tom Di Domizio, Project Manager
John Kivett, Hydrologist
Alex Zavala, Community Involvement Coordinator
Monica Mascareno, Community Involvement
Coordinator

Members absent:

Lynn Morrow

Others in attendance:

Stan Watts, Windsor Square Conservation Dist.
Greg Swartz, Windsor Square Conservation Dist.

CIU #04-016

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

1. *Welcome and Introductions*
Frank Connell, Co-chair opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. by introducing himself. CAB members, ADEQ staff, and audience members introduced themselves.
2. *Acceptance or Changes to March 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes*
 - Allene Pierce-Avey moved to accept the March 12, 2003 meeting minutes as written.
 - Pam Perry seconded the motion.
 - The March 12, 2003 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
3. *Brief Review of Current Status and Activities at the Central and Camelback WQARF Site*
Tom Di Domizio, ADEQ Project Manager
 - The treatment system has been running since January 22, 2003, and has not experienced any problems in pumping and treating the groundwater.
 - The remediation system has treated more than 19 million gallons of groundwater to date.
 - The system is currently pumping and treating groundwater at a rate of approximately 80 gallons per minute (115,000 gallons per day).
 - The first carbon vessel change-out occurred on April 7, 2003. The next change-out will occur in late July 2003.

- Influent contamination concentrations have decreased since the start-up of the system. Concentrations for PCE are around 350 parts per billion (ppb) and 15 ppb for MTBE (down from >500 ppb PCE and approximately 25 ppb MTBE in February 2003). ADEQ expects that the MTBE concentrations will rise due to the high level present in the area (mainly from the former Weiss Guys facility). The CAB asked whether Weiss Guys has been held responsible for the MTBE cleanup. Mr. Di Domizio explained that Weiss Guys is being held responsible and is **required** by the UST corrective action section. The CAB then asked whether MTBE floats and whether it is a carcinogen. Mr. Di Domizio explained that MTBE dissolves into the water and added that MTBE readily is a potential human carcinogen. He added that no Aquifer Water Quality Standard (AWQS) has yet been set for MTBE.
- Effluent concentrations have been non-detect for all of the contaminants of concern.
- Pigeons have inhabited the treatment compound and ADEQ is currently looking into pigeon proofing the building. The pigeons were tripping the alarms system therefore it had to be desensitized.
- Projected Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for the treatment system is approximately \$15,000 per month (based on six carbon change-outs per year).
- Allene Pierce-Avey asked how the remediation system has affected One East Camelback. Mr. Di Domizio explained that ADEQ has not yet met with One East Camelback but is planning on meeting with them soon.
- Peter Zorbas asked about the broken tree at the treatment facility. Tom Di Domizio explained that ADEQ is aware of the broken tree and will take care of this matter soon before calling the contractor. The CAB asked why the ADEQ has waited to repair the tree. Mr. Di Domizio explained that he wanted to wait to see if any of the other plants needed replacing before calling the contractor. The CAB explained that they are very concerned with the aesthetics at the site, they added that a lot of money was spent to make the facility look nice and wants to make sure that the landscaping is kept looking good.

6. *Call to the Public*

- Stan Watts wondered what the next steps are regarding the CAB (since the system has started the cleanup). Alex Zavala explained that the Central and Camelback site is currently under an Early Response Action which was initiated to help with the leaking underground garage at One East Camelback. The next step in the cleanup process is to begin the Remedial Investigation which will determine the extent of the contamination, the contaminants present, and the source(s) of contamination. It is during the RI that the CAB is normally established but due to the fact that this is a busy intersection and that the community interest was high, ADEQ decided to form the CAB earlier than normal. The CAB then stays in place until the final remedy is decided and Record of Decision is issued.

7. *New Business/Future meeting plans*

- Alex Zavala informed the CAB that ADEQ is currently updating the site's Community Involvement Plan (CIP). The CIP update will be completed by June 30, 2003. The CAB will receive a copy of the CIP once it is completed.
- Alex Zavala informed the CAB that she was awarded a fellowship in Washington, D.C., and therefore as of July 18, 2003 she will no longer be employed with ADEQ. She thanked the CAB for making her two and a half years with ADEQ so memorable and added that she will miss working with everyone on the Central and Camelback CAB.
- Carm Moehle requested that a commendation be made for the record regarding Ms. Zavala's work. Frank Connell added that he planned to do just that. Mr. Connell then made the following statement:
"I just want to say on behalf of myself and all the CAB members, that we really want to thank you for all you've done. You have been great. We've tried to tell everybody how great you are and how much everybody seems happy with the way it's working, but I think a large part of that goes to you really. You've kept us in the loop when we've had questions or concerns or things we've wanted to get, you were able to get the right people. We really want to thank you for it and commend you for your good work. We certainly want to wish you well in your new endeavors." Alex Zavala thanked Mr. Connell, Mr. Moehle and the rest of the CAB for their kind words and good wishes.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.